Proposal received from Andhra Pradesh Government regarding Telugu Ganga

1856. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when was the first proposal of Telugu Ganga was received from Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(b) how many times clarifications were sought, the details thereof and at what stage the consideration is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) For the first time, detailed project report of Telugu Ganga Project estimated to cost Rs. 636.53 crores was received in Central Water Commission in December, 1983.

(b) while revised project report for Rs. 843.27 crores was received in January 1986, however, techno-economic examination of the project has been completed for an estimated cost of Rs. 858.01 crores. For establishing techno-economic viability the Andhra Pradesh Government was required to comply with 43 observations of Central Water Commission. The project was put up to the Advisory Committee for consideration in its meeting held in April, 1988. But the consideration of the project was deferred as its inter-aspects had not been cleared. The project was also cleared from environment and forest angles in October, 1988. The three States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra have decided to resolve the inter-State issues among themselves. The concerned Chief Ministers have met twice in April and August 1990 and agreed to meet again in November 1990. That meeting was postponed. No date for next meeting has been fixed by them.

Modernisation of Mankhurd-Belapur-Panvel railway line

1857. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to modernise Mankhurd-Belapur-Panvel railway line for suburban commuter services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) (i) Work for construction of Mankhurd-Belapur double-track railway line (18 km length) for running of suburban commuter services has already been taken up.

(ii) A single-track goods siding from Belapur to Panvel (11 km length) is under construction as a deposit work for City & Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) of the State Govt. of Maharashtra.

(iii) Belapur-Panvel being a goods siding, under construction at the cost and behest of CIDCO, there is at present no proposal with the Railways to upgrade the same for running of suburban commuter services.

Charging of market rent from retired senior officers

1858. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the cases pertaining to the charging of market rent from the occupants/senior retired officers of bungalos and premises which were vacated or who were evicted in the year 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of those officers who were evicted had been given extension of time by the then Government due to their engagements in Government jobs even after their retirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to charge only normal rent for their stay instead of market rents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) A Government servant on retirement from service is eligible to retain the accommodation for a period of 4 months on payment of normal rent under provisions of SR-317-B-11(2). Thereafter he may be permitted further retention for a period of another 4 months on medical or educational grounds on payment of twice the flat rate of licence fee subject to fulfilment of certain conditions under proviso to SR-317-B-22. For the period of stay beyond 8 months, the officer is liable to be charged damages at the prescribed rates.

Officers who are re-employed after retirement on a full-time basis in an eligible office within the concessional period are eligible for retention of the accommodation in their occupation under provisions of SR-317-B-11(4), Such cases are considered under the rules and the allotments are regularised in their name, if the officers are eligible. Otherwise they are liable to be evicted and damages are levied as per rules for the period of overstay.

The officers who are employed on part time basis or as Consultants after retirement are not eligible for retention of accommodation and action in their case is taken accordingly.

Memorandum submitted by Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union and Punjab Khet Mazdoor Sabha

@1859. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a Joint Memorandum from Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union and Punjab Khet Mazdoor Sabha on 7th March, 1991 following a demonstration;

(b) if so what are the demands raised in the Memorandum;

(c) the steps taken by Government to settle those demands;

(d) whether the deputationists of the demonstration had urged the Governor for giving appointment to discuss the demands contained in the memorandum; and

(e) if so, whether Government has fixed any date for meeting the deputation of the above mentioned organisations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY FOR LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of sugar factories

1860. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) how many cooperative sugar factories have been sanctioned licences in Maharashtra during the last three years alongwith their names and addresses;

(b) how many of them have so far been provided with financial assistance in order to make them economically viable for setting up of these factories in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to increase in the project cost the State Government has not yet given permission to the remaining Cooperative Sugar Factories to place orders for machines etc; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take on the suggestions made in the then C.M.'s letter dated the 8th January, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) During the last three years i.e. 1987-88 to 1989-90 (Oct.—Sept.), 36 Letters of Intent have been issued for establishment of new sugar factories in Co-operative Sector in Maharashtra State. The names and addresses of these factories are at Statement. [*See* Appendix 159,

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 1380, transferred from 31-7-91.